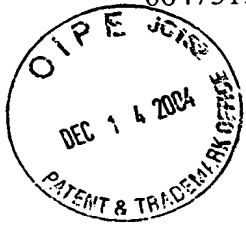


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In response to the Office Action mailed September 14, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the Application as follows.